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In RE application of S. MATSUBARA et al.

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Examiner: Brian R. Gordon

Inventor: HANDLING METHOD OF BODY FLUID SAMPLE AND ANALYSIS APPARATUS USING THE SAME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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							+ 140	\$		+ 280	\$ 0
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- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ Any Extension of Time fees that are necessary, which are hereby requested if necessary.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 7, 2005,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper;

Remarks begin on page 7 this paper.